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- I AM REPEATING TO YOU THE FOLLOWING SPA RELEASE NOTED IN FBIS LD 140924, FOR WHICH YOU WERE NOT ON DISTRIBUTION.
- BEGIN TEXT
- SPA: SAUDI SOURCE DENIES ISRAEL GIVEN INFORMATION FROM AWACS SYSTEM.
- RIYADH, JUNE 14 (SPA)--THE SAUDI ARABIAN KINGDOM HAS

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EXPRESSED ITS STRONG REGRETS AT THE REPORTS, REITERATED BY FOREIGN AND ARAB PRESS, THAT THE AWACS AIRCRAFT WHICH HAVE BEEN PLACED AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE SAUDI ARABIAN KINGDOM, HAVE BEEN PROVIDING ISRAEL WITH INFORMATION.

- A RESPONSIBLE SAUDI SOURCE TODAY MADE A STATEMENT TO SPA ON THE QUESTIONS RAISED BY ARAB AND FOREIGN PRESS ABOUT THE RANGE AND CAPABILITIES OF THE AWACS AIRCRAFT. THE SOURCE SAID THE RANGE OF THESE AIRCRAFT DOES NOT COVER THE ENTIRE AIRSPACE OF THE KINGDOM. FOR THIS REASON, HE SAID, IT IS KNOWN THAT THE KINGDOM IS SEEKING A COMPLETE SYSTEM TO ENABLE IT TO COVER ITS ENTIRE AIRSPACE WITH THE EQUIPMENT NEEDED FOR THE PURPOSE. THE SOURCE ADDED THAT THE AWACS IN THE KINGDOM ARE IN THE POSSESSION OF SAUDI NATIONAL CADRES, WHO ALSO SUPERVISE THE INFORMATION THEY GATHER.
- THE SOURCE EXPRESSED ASTONISHMENT AT THE QUESTIONS RAISED BY SOME ARAB AND FOREIGN PRESS IN AN ATTEMPT TO CAST SUSPICIONS ABOUT THE SAUDI PROJECT, AT A TIME WHEN ISRAEL IS DOING ALL IT CAN TO PREVENT THE KINGDOM FROM OBTAINING A COMPLETE AWACS SYSTEM.
- THE SOURCE ALSO DEPLORED THE ATTITUDE OF SOME ARAB PAPERS WHICH WERE MISLED BY THE ALLEGATIONS OF FOREIGN PAPERS--PAPERS WITH KNOWN OBJECTIVES--AND THUS FELL IN LINE WITH THE AIMS OF THE ZIONIST ENTITY.
- THE RESPONSIBLE SOURCE CALLED ON THESE PAPERS TO BE ALERT AGAINST THE DESIGNS OF THE ENEMIES OF THE ARAB NATION, AND NOT TO FALL FOR THE PLOTS WHICH SEEK TO SHATTER THE ARAB RANKS AND SOW THE SEEDS OF DISCORD AND DISINTEGRATION WITHIN IT AT A TIME WHEN THE ARAB NATION IS FACING EXTREMELY GRAVE CONDITIONS.

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- THE SOURCE SAID THE KINGDOM CALLS ON THE ARAB PRESS TO PLACE THE SUBLIME ARAB NATION ABOVE ALL OTHER CONSIDERATIONS, SO THAT THE ARAB NATION CAN STAND FIRM IN THE FACE OF THE ZIONIST THREAT WHICH CONTINUES TO PLOT AGAINST IT.
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